TL 6314

S. R.

MISSÃO PERMANENTE DE PORTUGAL
JUNTO DAS NAÇÕES UNIDAS
NEW YORK

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL FOLLOWING THE APPEARANCE OF XANANA GUSMAO IN A FILM BROADCAST BY INDONESIAN TELEVISION.

2 December, 1992

In view of the gross inconsistency of the recent remarks made on Indonesian television by Xanana Gusmão taking into account the positions he has assumed over many years of resistance to the occupation of East Timor, we regard with the utmost concern his current situation as everything points to the belief that he is surely being the victim of threats and aggression to his person, his family and his companions.

The Portuguese Government, therefore, appeals to the United Nations, the international community and, in particular, to the Red Cross that they seek to bring about an immediate end to a situation that represents a violation of the most basic human rights.